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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 12, relative to the artificial insemination of livestock.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§63-12-144. For the purposes of this chapter, the practice of veterinary medicine shall not include the artificial insemination of livestock, as the term 'livestock" is defined in §39-14-201. The practice of artificial insemination shall be considered an accepted livestock management practice.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, the board of veterinary medical examiners shall refund all monetary fines and civil penalties imposed and collected in fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 for the artificial insemination of livestock without a veterinary medical license, upon proper application by a person or persons fined for such practice.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds, and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. The board of veterinary medical examiners shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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